A.—The Government do not understand what is meant by the term 'outsider' nor have they information on the appointment of Inspectors in the department.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"May I point out to the hon. the Minister for Development that the word 'outsider' was used by him first in his famous speech at Guntur? Probably there he referred to the people who are not connected with the co-operative societies."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—"The word has many meanings."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"In what meaning was the word used in his Guntur speech?"

Qualifications for the post of Deputy Registrars, etc., in the Co-operative Department.

* 267 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has fixed any qualifications for the post of deputy registrar, of assistant registrar and of inspectors in the Co-operative Department;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the new reorganization scheme is intended to encourage men now in service in the department;

(*c*) if so, how many assistant registrars are going to be newly appointed;

(*d*) how many chief inspectors there are in the department with more than ten years' service and whether there are not many among them qualified to discharge the duties of assistant registrars; and

(*e*) whether it is a fact that such men are being overlooked in favour of recruitment from outside the department?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member is referred to paragraph 5 of G.O. No. 378, Development, dated 12th March 1925, placed on the Editors' Table, and to article 1 of Public Service Notification published at page 34 of Part I-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 15th January 1924.

(*b*) The reorganization scheme is explained in paragraphs 1, 3, 4 and 5 of G.O. No. 378, Development, dated 12th March 1925, placed on the Editors' Table.

(*c*) Of the twenty-five posts of Assistant Registrars sanctioned in the reorganization scheme, nine have been filled by promotion from the grade of Chief Inspectors, eight appointments are held by men who were already working as Assistant Registrars and the remaining eight will be filled by direct recruitment.

(*d*) & (*e*) Twenty-eight. Those considered suitable have been promoted on probation.

Status of the newly appointed assistant registrars of Co-operative Societies.

* 268 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether under the new reorganization scheme persons to be newly appointed as assistant registrars are to be classified as non-gazetted officers;